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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

The WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE (“Tribe”), by and through its attorney Wes Williams Jr. of the Law Offices of Wes Williams Jr., P.C., hereby respectfully requests that the Court enter its order staying the briefing schedule established by the Court (Doc. 1958) for the Tribe and the United States to respond to various defendants’ motions to dismiss. The Tribe also joins the United States’ motion (Doc 1988) to stay the May 31, 2014 deadline for the Tribe and the United States to respond to the motions to dismiss filed by various defendants on March 31, 2014.

This motion is based on the inability of Department of Justice Attorney Andrew Guarino to appear in this case at this time. Mr. Guarino represents the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the

1 Department of the Interior, which acts as the trustee for the Tribe in relation to the Tribe's water  
2 rights in the Walker River decree and in relation to the claims for additional water asserted by  
3 the Tribe and the United States in this subproceeding. Mr. Guarino works in the Department of  
4 Justice's Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Indian Resources Section. In this  
5 capacity, he has developed a specialized expertise in natural resources protection and Indian  
6 water rights litigation. The Tribe supports Mr. Guarino's motion (Doc. 1919) to be admitted to  
7 practice in the Federal District Court for the District of Nevada and to, in part, represent the  
8 United States' trust interests to the Tribe. Mr. Guarino's expertise is needed to properly and  
9 adequately prepare responses to the pending motions to dismiss. If he cannot participate in  
10 responding to these motions, the Tribe fears the United States will be breaching its trust duties to  
11 the Tribe. Upon information and belief, no U.S. attorneys in the Nevada office have adequate  
12 experience in water rights and particularly Indian water rights litigation, so cannot properly and  
adequately represent the United States' trust duties to the Tribe.

13 For these reasons, the Tribe respectfully requests that the Court enter its order staying the  
14 briefing schedule to respond to the pending motions to dismiss until Mr. Guarino's status to  
15 appear in this case is resolved, and the Tribe and the United States have sufficient time to work  
together to prepare responses to the pending motions to dismiss.

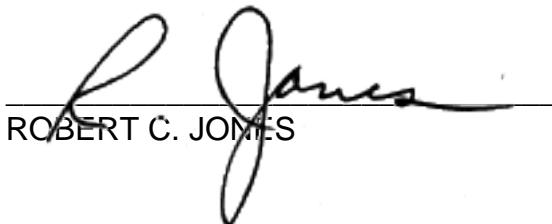
16 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2014.

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22 ORDER

23 IT IS SO ORDERED this 2nd day of June, 2014.

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